(i) A capacity addition of 41,110 MW has been targeted for 10th Five Year Plan consisting of 22,832 MW in Central Sector, 11,157 MW in State Sector and 7,121 MW in Private Sector.

(ii) Early stabilization of newly commissioned units and overall increase in PLF of thermal units.

(iii) Creation of a robust National Grid for optimum utilization of generation capacity and inter-regional transmission of power.

(iv) Launching of Accelerated Power Development and Reforms Programme (APDRP). Funds are being provided to States for undertaking schemes for sub-transmission and distribution systems under the APDRP.

(v) Comprehensive programme of extensive rural electrification.

(vi) Demand side management, energy efficiency and conservation measures.

(vii) Disbursement of loans with interest subsidy by the Power Finance Corporation for renovation and modernization of old and inefficient generating units.

(viii) Exploitation of hydro potential at a faster pace.

(e) Does not arise, in view of reply to part (c) of the question.

Dhauliganga Phase-II Project

†360. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal for construction of Dhauli ganga Phase-II project by NHPC; and

(b) if so, by when the construction work of this project is likely to be undertaken?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI P.M. SAYEED): (a) There is no proposal presently under consideration of the Government for construction of the Dhauliganga Phase-II Hydroelectric Project by National Hydroelectric Power Corporation (NHPC).

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(b) Does not arise in view of reply to (a) above.

Disinclination to extend financial support by international agencies

361. SHRI MANOJ BHATTACHARYA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that many international banks and funding agencies have shown disinclination to extend financial support to the power projects in the country drawn up by the NHPC;

(b) if so, the details thereof and reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps proposed to be taken to address the objections and problems raised by international funding agencies?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI P.M. SAYEED): (a) No international bank or funding agency has shown disinclination to extend financial support to power projects of National Hydroelectric Power Corporation (NHPC).

(b) and (c) Do not arise in view of reply to (a) above.

Status of Omkareshwar Power Project

362. SHRI MANOJ BHATTACHARYA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the present status of the Omkareshwar Power Project;

(b) whether it is a fact that prinicipal financier to the project Deutsche Bank is in the process of withdrawing from the project; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor and the steps taken/proposed to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI P.M. SAYEED): (a) The Omkareshwar Project in Madhya Pradesh is a multi-purpose project with an overall installed capacity of 520 MW. The project was approved for implementation by the Narmada Hydroelectric Development Corporation Limited (NHDC) (a Joint Ventre of Government of Madhya Pradesh and the National Hydroelectric Power Corporation Ltd.) in May, 2003. The project, which is scheduled for commissioning in February 2008, is presently under initial stages of construction.